

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, AMENDING TITLE 7 (PUBLIC PEACE, SAFETY AND MORALS) BY ADDING CHAPTER 7.23 (TRUANCY PROHIBITED)

On Tuesday, January 17, 2012, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider amending Title 7 (Public Peace, Safety and Morals) by adding Chapter 7.23 (Truancy Prohibited), which was introduced at the December 13, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. This hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA.

The amended ordinance is summarized as follows:

The intent of this amendment is to establish and enforce a truancy ordinance upon minors between 6 and 18 years of age on school days, during the hours school is in session. It further establishes that a minor will be responsible for violations of the truancy ordinance by imposing a penalty upon the minor for a violation. It also establishes the method of enforcing the ordinance.

Section 7.23.010 establishes the purpose of the truancy ordinance, including providing protection for the community and public property from the deleterious effects of truancy.

Section 7.23.020 defines when a minor is in violation of the truancy ordinance.

Section 7.23.030 provides a list of 12 circumstances when the truancy ordinance does not apply to a minor.

Section 7.23.040 establishes the responsibility of the minor if he/she is found in violation of the truancy ordinance, including a monetary penalty and/or community service. It also establishes the method of enforcing the ordinance, including temporary detainment and transportation to the minor's residence, to the school from which the minor is absent, or to the custody of the minor's parents or legal guardian.

A certified copy of the full text of the proposed amendment is posted in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, located at 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120, San Luis Obispo, CA. A copy of the full text of the amended ordinance is posted on the County's website at http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/San_Luis_Obispo_Probation_Department.htm, and is available by contacting Kathryn Cooper at 1730 Bishop Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or by calling 805.781.5370.